



(Genesis 25:23) "And the LORD said to her: "Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.""

(Leviticus 20:24-26) "But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. {25} You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. {26} 'And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine."

(Numbers 6:5) "All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the LORD, he shall be holy. Then he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow."

(2 Corinthians 6:17) "Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.""

(1 John 2:15-16) "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world."

(1 Corinthians 5:9-10) "I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. {10} Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world."

(Acts 2:5) "And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven."

(Acts 2:9-11) ""Parthians and Medes and Elamites, ..., visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, {11} "Cretans and Arabs; we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.""



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Information for Visitors.

- * We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- * a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket**. Please ask for details.

Follow Paul

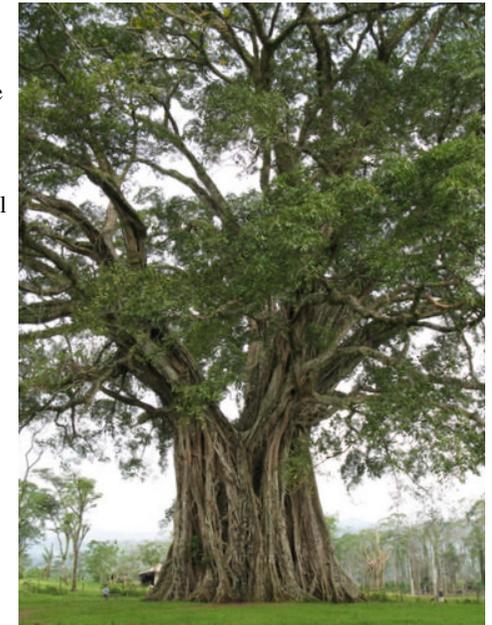
A friend told me about a neighbour who years ago spent most of his spare time planting trees. The man seldom watered the young trees because he thought that too much watering spoiled them. (He came from the "no pain, no gain" school of plant care.) Pampered trees, he said, made for shallow roots, and deep roots were something to be treasured.

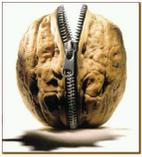
My friend told me that he often walks by the old place and looks at the trees his neighbour planted 25 years earlier. They're rugged, strong, and durable now. Tall and tough. Adversity and deprivation seem to have benefited them in ways that being sheltered and pampered couldn't.

All of this makes me think about the way I pray for others. I'm inclined to pray that God will spare my family and friends from hardship, but lately I've changed my praying. I don't ask for an easy life for them, for that may not come in this world. Instead, I try to echo the prayer of the apostle Paul for the believers in Ephesus (3:14-19). I ask that their roots will go down deep into the love of God—experiencing a close relationship with Him—so they'll grow up sturdy and strong. Then when the winds of adversity blow, they won't be swept away but will stand tall as a testimony of faith. —DHR

*Note how Paul prayed:
Ephesians 1:17-19; 3:14-19; Colossians 1:9-12.
Follow Paul's pattern as you pray for others today.*

Pray not for a life free from trouble, but for triumph over trouble.





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)
A Model Man

(Philippians 3:5) "circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;"

(Acts 22:27-28) "Then the commander came and said to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He said, "Yes." {28} The commander answered, "With a large sum I obtained this citizenship." And Paul said, "But I was born a citizen.""

(Acts 21:39) "But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; ..""

(Acts 22:3) ""I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law, and was zealous toward God ..."

(Acts 9:20) "Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God."

(Acts 9:23-25) "Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. {24} But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. {25} Then the disciples took him by night and let him down through the wall in a large basket."

(Galatians 1:17-18) "nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. {18} Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days."

(Galatians 1:11-12) "But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. {12} For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ."

(Galatians 2:1) "Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and also took Titus with me."

(Acts 11:25-26) "Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. {26} And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch."

(Acts 20:1-3) "After the uproar had ceased, Paul called the disciples to himself, embraced them, and departed to go to Macedonia. {2} Now when he had gone over that region and encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece {3} and stayed three months. And when the Jews plotted against him as he was about to sail to Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia."

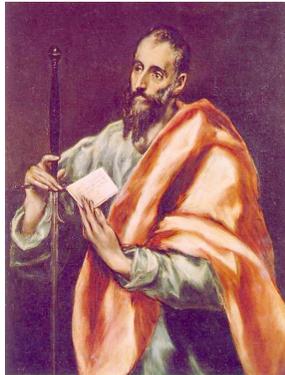
(Matthew 4:19) "Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.""

(Matthew 8:22) "But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.""

(Matthew 9:9) "... And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him."

(Matthew 16:24) "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

(Philippians 3:17) "Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you



have us for a pattern."

(2 Thessalonians 3:9) "... to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us."

In Romans 1:1 Paul models for us 3 aspects of the Christian life:

1. Paul was a _____ of Christ, Romans 1:1, 12:1-2

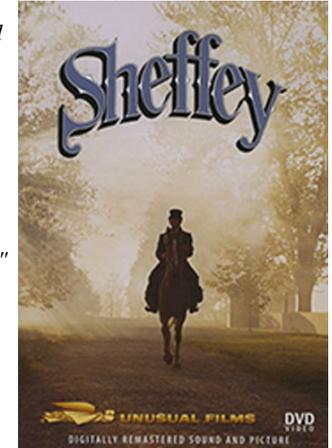
(Romans 1:1) This letter is from Paul, Jesus Christ's slave, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. [paraphrase]

(Exodus 21:5-6) ""But if the servant plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' {6} "then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him forever."

(Acts 4:29) ""Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,"

(Philippians 2:6-7) "who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, {7} but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant,"

(Mark 9:35) "And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.""



2. Paul had a _____ for Christ, Romans 1:1, 12:3-8

(Romans 12:3-8) As God's messenger, I give each of you this warning: Be honest in your estimate of yourselves, measuring your value by how much faith God has given you. 4Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, {5} so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of his one body, and each of us has different work to do. And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others. {6} God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out when you have faith that God is speaking through you. {7} If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. {8} If your gift is to encourage others, do it! If you have money, share it generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

(Acts 9:16) ""For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.""



3. Paul's _____ on Christ, Romans 1:1, 15:20

(Genesis 10:5) "From these the coastland peoples of the Gentiles were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language..."